

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 13, 2007, was received and its contents carefully reviewed. Claims 1-41 were originally presented in the application as filed and are pending. The Examiner indicated that restriction to one of the four indicated inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Examiner indicated that Invention 1 is directed to claims 1-14, Invention 2 is directed to claims 15-24, Invention 3 is directed to claims 25-31, and Invention 4 is directed to claims 32-41.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 13, 2007, Applicants elect Invention 3 directed to claims 25-31 without traverse. Applicants withdraw claims 1-14, claims 14-24, and claims 32-41 from consideration, and Applicants updated the status of the claims in the above Listing of Claims. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to present the withdrawn claims in one or more divisional applications. Claims 25-31 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully request examination of the application on the merits. If any additional issues exist, or if the Examiner believes that a conference would be beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the present application, Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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